

Appl. No. 09/851,888
Amdt. dated August 8, 2003
Reply to Office action of August 4, 2003

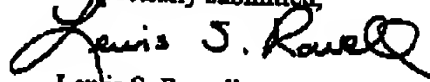
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-8, 12-17, and 21-22 remain pending in the case. Applicant herein amends independent Claims 1 and 12 in accordance with the interview of May 21, 2003 between Applicant's attorney and Examiners Torres-Valazquez and Cole.

The Applicants believes that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully overcome, and the application has been placed in condition for immediate allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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